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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EXPULSION OF AMCITS

REFS: (A) MOGADISCIO 0790, (B) MOGADISCIO 0797

1. EXPULSIONS OF RAMSDELL AND TORCHIA RAISE SERIOUS QUESTIONS WHICH CLEARLY DETAILED IN PARA 6 REF A. IN SPITE OF REPEATED SOMALI ASSURANCES OF GOODWILL FROM PRESIDENT SIAD, SECRETARIES JELLE, OMAR ARTEH AND MOHAMED ADEN, AND AMBASSADOR ADDOU, AND RECENT STRESS WHICH AMBASSADOR ADDOU HAS PUT ON "GREAT EAGERNESS OF SOMALI LEADERS FOR IMPROVING U.S.-SOMALI BILATERAL RELATIONS (INCLUDING COMMERCIAL), ACTIONS BODE NO GOOD FOR U.S.-SOMALI RELATIONS.

2. AMBASSADOR IS REQUESTED TO SEEK URGENT APPOINTMENT WITH APPROPRIATE HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIAL TO PROTEST EXPULSIONS AND
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SEEK REASONS FOR TAKING SUCH DRASTIC, ARBITRARY MEASURES

AGAINST AMCITS. AMBASSADOR MAY WISH TO STATE THAT IF SUCH ACTIONS REPRESENT NEW GSDR POLICY TOWARD FOREIGNERS OR AMCITS IN PARTICULAR, WE WILL HAVE LITTLE ALTERNATIVE BUT TO WARN POTENTIAL U.S. BUSINESSMEN THAT SOMALI COMMERCIAL AND INVESTMENT CLIMATE IS HOSTILE TOWARD AMERICAN INTERESTS.

3. AMBASSADOR MAY ALSO WISH TO SEEK OUT AMBASSADOR ADDOU IN ORDER TO MAKE ABOVE POINTS AND OBTAIN HIS ASSESSMENT OF GSDR ACTIONS AND INTENTIONS.

4. RICHARD HITTLE OF CONTINENTAL OIL HQS IN STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT CALLED DEPT TO DISCUSS SITUATION FOLLOWING EXPULSION RAMSDELL. DEPTOFF CONVEYED GIST OF PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS OF REFTEL (A), INCLUDING EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT THAT IT APPEARS POSSIBLE BUT NOT CERTAIN THAT REMAINDER OF CONOCO STAFF MAY BE EXPELLED IN NEXT FEW WEEKS.

5. HITTLE ASSERTED THAT CONOCO IS MOST ANXIOUS THAT ITS PROGRAM IN SOMALIA NOT BE ELIMINATED, AND COMPANY DESIROUS OF TAKING STEPS TO AVOID SUCH POSSIBILITY. IN THIS CONNECTION HITTLE REQUESTED THAT FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE PASSED FROM HIM TO L.D. OSTER, CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY OF SOMALIA:

QTE URGENT, TALKED WITH RAMSDELL FROM NAIROBI. HE IS EN ROUTE TO STAMFORD. WE WANT YOU TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATION TEMPORARILY. IF PRESSURE CONTINUES CONCERNING EMPLOYEES, URGE YOU TO REHIRE THEM AND CONTINUE OPERATIONS. WILL BE IN TOUCH AS SOON AS REPLACEMENT IS SELECTED. HAVE TALKED TO ANN. SHE URGES YOU NOT TO WORRY. SHE'S GETTING ALONG WELL AND WILL PROCEED AS PLANNED. MORRIS. END QUOTE

6. HITTLE ALSO SAID COMPANY MIGHT WISH TO SEND HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVE TO MOGADISCIO TO DISCUSS SITUATION WITH GSDR. HE REALIZES THAT TIMING WOULD BE VERY POOR AS HIGH-LEVEL SOMALI OFFICIALS WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SEE IN VIEW ON-GOING OAU ACTIVITIES, AND THAT IN ANY CASE CONOCO REPRESENTATIVE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO OBTAIN VISA BECAUSE OF EXISTING GSDR POLICY NOT TO ISSUE VISAS DURING THIS BUSY
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PERIOD. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS AS TO WHETHER DESPATCH OF HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVE MIGHT BE USEFUL OR DESIRABLE, AND IF SO, WHETHER AMB. ADDOU MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN PROVIDING NECESSARY AUTHORIZATION TO SOMALI EMBASSY HERE TO ISSUE VISA. KISSINGER

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